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REFLECTIONS ON FAITH AND ART

by Donene Blair

Surrounded by sunny blue skies and powdered sugar-covered mountain peaks, we drove east from Leavenworth towards the beautiful Plain Valley, where we would enjoy a three-day getaway at the Grünwald Guild.

Synod staff were extended an invitation to spend a quiet retreat weekend at the Guild, to learn about the programs they offer and to participate in their community. The pace of life is slower during the winter months at the Guild; yet, the creative energy was evident among the volunteer staff who were there to apprentice under the tutelage of Richard Caemmerer: a young clay sculptor, a cabinetmaker turned stained glass artist, a special family friend skilled in weaving.

We were greeted by Lois, the business administrator, who gave us a complete tour of the facilities and grounds. Lois informed us that the 20-year-old Caemmerer cat merely "allows" others to live in her house, and barely tolerates their almost house-trained new puppy called "Natapoc", the name of the original grange building which now houses the main part of the Guild.

The grange was in very poor condition when Richard and Liz Caemmerer purchased it on one acre 12 years ago. Now the building is beautifully wood paneled and divided into separate spaces for general living, sleeping, dining, offices, and classroom teaching. A large wood stove warms the central room used by the community. Everywhere you look the visual arts abound. Paintings, icons, crosses of varying shapes, textures, and colors, weavings, and beautiful fabrics draw your eye. Majestic stained glass greets you in almost every room. Carefully crafted pieces of pottery, even the everyday coffee cups and serving dishes, are uniquely beautiful creations from a potter's hands.

We learned that living in community often informs the creative process and helps to mold the Guild's emphasis on the relationships between faith and art. A young apprentice sculptor shared with us his art piece in process. He was reflecting his personal faith in an exceptional sculpture which depicted God's creation of Eve. Yet he was wrestling with his representation of God as a male figure. The sculptor's struggle rises in the context of Christian community, where long-held faith beliefs can be questioned and explored, and then reflected in the artistic process.

The concept of growing and learning in Christian community had its roots with the Caemmerer family during a sabbatical at Holden Village. Out of that experience grew the concept of the Grünwald Guild. I would encourage you to explore the many opportunities proffered in their spring and summer programming (see the Grünwald Guild flyer enclosed), and do some of your own reflecting on the nature of faith and art in your life journey.



NEWS

PEACE TASK FORCE CONVENED

The ELCA Task Force on Peace had its first meeting in Chicago in early February. Two persons from our region are members of the task force, the Rev Dr. Carl Mau and the Rev Daniel Erlander. The ELCA's board of the Division for Church in Society appointed the task force to develop a social teaching statement on peace and international relations, to be presented for action at the 1995 Churchwide Assembly.

They have defined their task in two parts-- 1) the theological, biblical, and ethical; and 2) the practical. "All of us were impressed by the historical moment in which we find ourselves," Mau said. "We have to review all of our previous work on peace. In that sense we are making some new beginnings . . . A mighty empire imploded," he said, paraphrasing discussion on the former Soviet Union. "It watched itself disintegrate. Now we have a vacuum that is dangerous as well as opportune."

Ethical issues the task force hopes to confront include the affirmation of human rights and international law, economic justice, protection of the environment, sovereignty, arms trade, aggression, democratic principles, and the diplomatic processes of peace making.

The next meeting of the task force is August 21-23. If you would like to provide your input to our representatives, please call Dr. Mau at 839-0504, or Pastor Erlander at 535-7464.

CAMP LUTHERWOOD NEWS: GETTING THE FACTS STRAIGHT!

by Brian Beistel, Board Member, Lutheran Camp Associates

Camp Lutherwood is **NOT** closing its gates! However, western Washington's last remaining ELCA-related Lutheran camp for youth is experiencing some drastic changes in its program for 1992 in order to save and restore the beautiful camp site on the shore of Lake Samish near Bellingham. The camp's Board of Directors took significant action at its February 22 meeting to deal with a fiscal crisis that can no longer be delayed. Faced with a growing debt, the Board voted to suspend the traditional camping program **FOR THIS ONE YEAR ONLY** in order to:

- a) drastically reduce current operating expenses, and

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CAMP LUTHERWOOD (cont.)

- b) develop a coordinated effort among congregations and individuals of the ELCA's Northwest and Southwestern Washington Synods and of the Northwest District of the LC-MS for the purpose of:

- 1) addressing the debt
- 2) addressing renovation needs at the camp site through volunteer efforts
- 3) formulating an on-going program to ensure increased financial and site maintenance support for future years.

More information soliciting your support and involvement will be forthcoming in the immediate future.

Again, Camp Lutherwood is **NOT** closing its gates! Your understanding under these unique circumstances, and your wholehearted support will undergird a strong future for our camp. Join us in this "Year of Jubilee" as we prepare to re-open with our traditional camping program for our youth in 1993!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SYNOD ASSEMBLY REMINDERS

Registration materials have been mailed to congregations and professional leaders for this year's Synod Assembly, June 12-13 at the Everett Pacific Hotel in Everett. Congregations are encouraged to read these materials carefully and send the appropriate forms to Donna Dickson, Registrar, at the address on the registration form. **ALL** delegates from one congregation must register on the same form together.

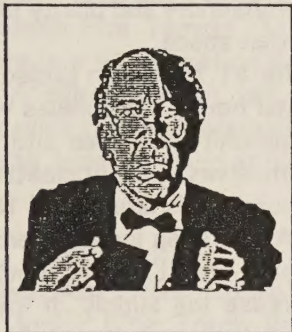
Resolutions may be submitted by congregations, individuals, groups or clusters, and must be received in the Synod Office by the deadline of April 25. Please use the resolution form included in the registration packet. Any resolutions submitted to the Reference and Counsel Committee after that date will need to meet specific guidelines.

The theme, *Wet People in a Thirsty World*, will be developed through the efforts of our Evangelism & Worship Committees.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

OLDER ADULT MINISTRY CONSULTANT

Recently the Churchwide Division for Congregational Ministries conducted a workshop in Region 1 to train consultants to assist congregations to enhance ministry to older adults. Six persons from our synod participated in this training event, and are now available to engage local congregations in a planning process which will enable congregations to meet the challenge of older adult ministry.



If your congregation is interested in developing an older adult ministry, you are encouraged to utilize these consultants who have volunteered their services for this ministry. If you are interested, please contact the Synod Office. Also, if you have any questions or concerns about this new program, call Pastor Walter Moris at the Lutheran Center on Aging, 467-6532.

SYNOD CALL PROCESS REVIEW

In response to a 1991 Synod Assembly resolution which requested that the Call Process adopted in 1988 be reviewed, the Executive Committee of the Synod Council appointed a committee to review the call process.

In order to gather more data about the call process, the review committee has recently sent a survey instrument to congregations and rostered personnel who have engaged in the call process since 1988. For those of you who have received this survey, the committee is anxious that these surveys are returned to the Synod Office by April 1, 1992. Thank you!

ANNUAL ASCENSION DAY BISHOP'S CONVOCATION

Please red letter your calendar for the next Bishop's Convocation, which will be held on Ascension Day, May 28, at Ballard First Lutheran Church, Seattle. The convocation speaker will be DR. SHANNON JUNG, who is on the faculty of Wartburg Theological

Seminary and also serves as Associate Professor and Director of Rural Ministries, Schools of Theology in
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BISHOP'S CONVOCATION (cont.)

Rural Ministry, Schools of Theology in Dubuque, Iowa. He will speak on the theme, *Power and Authority in the Church*. There will be a special mailing in early May with more specific information.

ANNOUNCING EVENINGS WITH THE BISHOP

Exciting things are happening in the life of our synod. Would you like to know more about them? This is your opportunity to engage in an Evening with the Bishop.

A series of conversations with Bishop Lowell Knutson are being scheduled in the months of March and April at convenient locations throughout the synod. These get-togethers will provide opportunities for laity and clergy in our synod to have an opportunity to dialogue and share conversations with the Bishop about the important challenges of our mutual ministry.

The following evenings have been scheduled:

March 26, 7:30 p.m., Central Lutheran, Everett

March 31, 7:30 p.m., Prince of Peace, N
Seattle

April 2, 7:30 p.m., Grace, Bellevue

April 9, 7:30 p.m., Our Saviour's, Bellingham

April 21, 7:30 p.m., First, Mount Vernon

Bishop Knutson is hopeful that these opportunities for dialogue will be well publicized within each congregation, and that these Evenings with the Bishop will be well attended by both clergy and laity. Please study the above schedule and plan to attend one of these Evenings with the Bishop.

RETREAT FOR PROFESSIONAL LEADERS & SPOUSES

A retreat for professional leaders and spouses is being planned for October 30-31 at Camp Huston in Gold Bar, Washington. The featured speaker will be Dr. Peter Steinke of Lutheran Social Services of Texas, who was the popular speaker at last fall's LITE-sponsored retreat at Holden Village. Please reserve these dates on your calendar. More information will follow. You'll get home in time for trick-or-treating!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL TRAINING WORKSHOPS

Two training workshops for VBS directors and teachers on the 1992 Augsburg Fortress series, *Together in Jesus' Name*, will be held from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.:

Monday, May 4 at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 19030-8th Avenue So, Seattle.

Thursday, May 7 at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 9320 Meadow Way, Everett.

No registration fee or pre-registration are required. Just come! For more information, call Barb Smith, 823-2727

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

IS YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY CORRECT?

We have received a letter from one of our pastors who has had difficulties with the Social Security Administration (SSA), and wanted to share this information with our synod clergy. He had requested a "Personal Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statement", and discovered that SSA had been picking up the wrong line on Schedule SE 1040 for four years, and had shorted his earnings by \$68,000. After many letters and a great deal of hassle, the problem was finally corrected.

He was told by a tax accountant that in 1987 the Internal Revenue Service changed the format of Schedule SE 1040. Because of that change, either the computers or the operators did not pick up all the necessary information for clergy persons who must file and pay self-employment tax. There may be other clergy persons whose records are incorrect.

You are strongly advised to write to SSA and request a *Personal Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statement* at the following address:

Social Security Administration
Albuquerque Data Operations Center
P O Box 4429, Station A
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87196

HEIFER SUNDAY CELEBRATION

Heifer Project International (HPI) is a non-profit, Christian ecumenical organization founded in 1944 with the belief that charity must be based on giving people the means to provide for their own needs. HPI makes possible gifts of livestock and training in their care to needy families around the world. When anyone receives an HPI animal, they pledge to "pass on" the first female offspring to another needy person.

Sunday, May 17 is Heifer Sunday. Congregations are encouraged to observe this celebration, and may obtain information and materials from HPI by calling 1-800-422-0474.



LATCH FINDS HOUSING PROJECT SITE

The Lutheran Alliance for Transitional and Community Housing (LATCH) has found a site in Bothell
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LATCH HOUSING PROJECT (cont.)

for its Family Housing Project. LATCH has secured a one-year option to purchase an existing eight-unit apartment building and a half acre of vacant land directly behind the building. It plans to build another 10 townhouse homes there, including a community room/laundry and plenty of parking, open play area and garden space.

The \$1.79 million project will provide 18 permanent rental homes for families with young children, within a community managed and maintained by the residents themselves. Anticipated date to be open for occupancy is late fall of 1993.

LATCH is an independent non-profit coalition of nine Seattle-area Lutheran churches, whose mission is to increase the supply of low-cost homes for people in need. It is eager to admit more churches as members. If you would like to have a LATCH representative speak at your church, or would like more information, please call Kathy Roseth, LATCH director, at 672-6009.

NO CHARGE! FREE!

What a bargain! There are still a few copies of the Manfred Holck *Tax Planning for Clergy* in the Synod Office. Call if you want us to mail you a copy.

UPCOMING EVENTS

A REMINDER OF STEWARDSHIP WORKSHOPS

Just a reminder of the stewardship workshops coming up on March 22, Prince of Peace Lutheran, North Seattle, 2-4:30 p.m.; and April 11, First Lutheran, Mt Vernon, 9-11:30 a.m. Your synod's Stewardship Committee, along with Pastor Michael Meier of Region 1, will assist you in *Doing Stewardship Education in the Local Congregation*. There is no cost and no pre-registration--just COME!



Also, for congregations related to the Division for Outreach (and others interested), a workshop entitled *Beginning to Plan for Our 1992 Stewardship Emphasis* is scheduled for March 21 at Hope Lutheran, 7209 S Puget Sound Ave, Tacoma, 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Please RSVP to the Region 1 Office, 624-0093.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

AUCTION TO BENEFIT TEEN SHELTER

University Lutheran Church is sponsoring an auction to celebrate its 75th anniversary which will benefit the University District Teen Shelter. Join them on March 21 at 6:00 p.m. at the Scottish Rite Temple, 1155 Broadway Avenue East. There is a \$10 donation with an hors d'oeuvres buffet. A silent auction will be followed by a live auction. A wide range of interesting items will be auctioned off. Call Joan Ovreland at 523-1639 for tickets.

JR HIGH RALLY--A SPIRITED ADVENTURE!

The theme *In Search of Your Best Friend* highlights the Northwest Washington Junior High Youth Rally March 27-28 at First Lutheran Church in Bothell. The rally begins with dinner at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, March 27, and continues until 4:00 p.m. Saturday, March 28. Registrar is Dawn Youngner, 9301 Avondale Rd, #E2022, Redmond, WA 98052.

Questions? Contact Michael Sladek at 746-2529.



DON'T MISS THIS!

Let's join one another in celebration of our oneness in Jesus Christ by attending the **REGION 1 MULTICULTURAL/CROSS-CULTURAL GATHERING** at Lutheran Bible Institute in Issaquah.

Under the theme, *The Way Forward*, this exciting event on March 27-29 will include music, drumming, dancing, Bible study, fellowship, community celebration, storytelling, and much more! Panels will discuss the following topics: *The Multicultural Family, Dismantling Racism, and the Quincentenary*. There will also be time for multicultural



caucuses for African American, Asian American, Hispanic American, and Native American.

If you have further questions or need specific information about the agenda for this event, please call the Region 1 Office, 624-0093.

AUGUSTANA HERITAGE CELEBRATION

A festive celebration for those who wish to commemorate their Augustana heritage is planned for May 3, 1992 (the date was incorrectly published in THE LUTHERAN), at Gethsemane Lutheran in downtown Seattle. This event will begin with a 4:00 p.m. service using the Augustana liturgy, with Reuben Swanson from Omaha, Nebraska as the preacher. You are invited to come and be part of the choir which will rehearse at 2:30 p.m.

The service will be followed by a catered dinner and program at 6:00 p.m. Prepaid reservations for dinner must be made by April 15 (\$10.00 per person). Send your check to A G Fjellman, 3227-30 Ave W, Seattle, WA 98199, or call 283-6344.

HEARING ON THE ELCA HUMAN SEXUALITY STUDY

A hearing on the ELCA Human Sexuality Study has been scheduled for June 6 at St John Lutheran, Seattle, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. You are encouraged to invite all who are interested in providing their input to the ELCA task force to attend this hearing. This is one of the key ways in which Lutherans at the local level have the opportunity to express their views to the national church body.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA REGION 1 GATHERING

All women from Region 1, which includes Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Alaska, are invited to gather together on July 10-12, 1992 at Cavanaugh's Inn at the Park in Spokane. Detailed information will be sent to all churches this month. Watch for details, or write to Iva Kjosnes, Registrar, P O Box 935, Zillah, WA 98953.

1992 GLOBAL MISSION EVENTS

Plan now to attend the 1992 Global Mission Events. Explore the historical context of the last 500 years in the Americas, and examine the present context for mission in the Americas.

Dates this year are as follows:

July 9-12, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Indiana, PA
July 9-12, Canadian GME, Montreal, Quebec

July 16-19, California

Lutheran University, Thousand Oaks, CA

July 23-26, Augustana College, Rock Island, IL

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1992 GME EVENTS (cont.)

GME registration brochures are available in the January-February Action Packet, or write to the ELCA Division for Global Mission, 8765 West Higgins Road, Chicago, IL 60631.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

CLASSES ON THE WRITING OF MARTIN LUTHER KING

El Centro de la Raza announces Community University classes to study writings by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Class sessions are offered on either Mondays or Wednesdays at 6-7:30 p.m., or Wednesdays from noon-1:30 p.m. All classes are held at El Centro de la Raza, 2524-16 Ave So, Seattle.

The student body is diverse in race, age, economic and educational levels. The text to be used is Dr. King's final book, *Where do we go from here: Chaos or Community?* All classes are free; cost of the text is \$9.00. For more information, call 329-2974.

TWELVE-STEP SPIRITUALITY

Father Tom Weston will be in Seattle on March 24 to present an evening of *12-Step Spirituality for Everyone*. Fr Tom is known nationally for his speaking, writing, and workshops on 12-step spirituality. The intent of this evening is to share how the spirituality of the 12-step programs can nourish everyone. This event will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Church Social Hall, 732-18 Ave E (18th Ave and Aloha), Seattle. A donation of \$5.00 is encouraged. For information and tickets call 527-2020.

DISCOVERING THE DEEP MASCULINE

Dr. Charles R. Davis will facilitate an 11-week experience for men based on the Robert Bly book, *IRON JOHN*. Participants will reflect together upon the thoughts presented in the book, as well as upon their own experiences and feelings. The group is limited in size, and will meet on Wednesday evenings at 7:15 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 6211-196 St SW, Lynnwood, April 1-June 17.

For information and complete brochure, call Dr. Davis at 778-8622.

MINISTRY IN DAILY LIFE WORKSHOPS

Congregations of the Northwest Washington Synod are invited to participate in upcoming workshops on Ministry in Daily Life, sponsored by Phinney Ridge Lutheran

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MINISTRY IN DAILY LIFE (cont.)

Church in Seattle. *Sally Simmel*, of the Division for Ministry of the ELCA, will lead two workshops sessions: one for laity on Tuesday, April 7 from 6:45 to 9:00 p.m., and one for clergy and other professional leaders on Friday, April 10, from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Among the workshop topics are the following:

****What do we mean by "Ministry in Daily Life?"** We will take a look at a video compilation of the presentations before the ELCA Study of Ministry Task Force in October of 1990.

****Creating a climate for equipping, supporting and challenging people for ministry in daily life:** what is the role of the congregational council, committees, professional leaders?

****Congregational Resources for Ministry in Daily Life:** how does your congregation support the ministries of its members? What do you need to make it happen?

Additional information and registration forms will be mailed to congregations. Advance registration is encouraged.

Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church is located at 7500 Greenwood Ave No, Seattle. For more information, contact Sue Yuzer or Pastor Don Maier at 783-2350.

EVANGELISM SEMINAR

The Charles E. Fuller Institute is sponsoring *Breaking the 100 to 200 Attendance Barrier* seminar in Portland April 30-May 1.

Registration for this event is normally \$150; however, should five or more pastors band together, the cost is reduced to \$95 (any number of laypersons may accompany their pastor for \$55/person).

For more information, call the Institute at 1-800-999-9578. Any persons interested in the lower rate should contact Pastor Orv Jacobson in Longview, 423-3250, in order to be linked with other people.



MORE CONTINUING ED

A CHANGING CHURCH FOR A CHANGING WORLD

Here is a very fine continuing education opportunity coming up May 11-14 at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Burnsville, Minnesota. Featured speakers will be Frank Harrington, Kennon Callahan, Susan Briehl, Patrick Keifert, and Handt Hanson.

Using the theme of "Paradigm Shifts", the following workshops will be available:

Paradigm Shifts Affecting Worship
The Changing Paradigms of Leadership/Organization
Paradigm Shifts Affecting Evangelism
Paradigm Shifts in Ministry to Youth, Children, & their Families

If you wish to register, do so before April 25 at \$105/person. For multiple staffs, you pay only \$90/person for four or more people. After April 26 the cost increases considerably. All materials, three lunches, and one evening meal are included. Call 1-800-874-2044 for a registration form. Call First World Travel at 1-800-747-5055 for discounted hotel and airfares.

A GREAT DAY FOR PREACHING

The Evangelism Committees of Southwestern Washington and Oregon Synods invite you to share a day for preaching with Dr. John Killinger, renowned preacher and teacher. He will present identical one-day seminars centering on the theme, *The Importance of Seeing in Bible Study and Preaching*.

The May 16 seminar will be held at Mount Cross Lutheran, corner of 40th and Olympic in the University Place area of Tacoma; the May 18 seminar will be held at Peace Lutheran, 2201 N Portland Blvd, Portland.

Both seminars will begin at 8:30 a.m. Lunch is included in the \$25.00 cost. Continuing education units and GEM funds may be available through LITE. See enclosed brochure to register.

DISABILITIES WORKSHOP AT PLU

Pacific Lutheran University and LITE are co-sponsoring this one-day seminar titled, *Overlooked, Ignored & Forgotten?* on Saturday, May 16, 9 am-4 pm. Its purpose is to assist congregations in becoming places of hospitality for persons with disabilities.

Among the speakers will be Dr. Stew Govig from PLU and Dennis Busse,

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DISABILITIES WORKSHOP (cont.)

Coordinator of the ELCA Ministry for Persons with Disabilities. Worship will be enhanced by the music of Jody Sparks of *Heart Strings*, whose ministry of music, despite her own disabilities, is well known in this area.

Cost for the day is \$15 which includes lunch, thanks to an AAL grant. CEU credit hours will be available.

PREPARATION OF YOUTH & ADULTS FOR BAPTISM

Drawing on the history and experience of the early church (to Gregory the Great 590-604 AD), this course will explore the possibilities, even the reunity, of a revitalized catechumenate in the life of Pacific Northwest Lutheran congregation. The instructor is the Rev Robert Hofstad, pastor at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Olympia, and member of the national Lutheran-Episcopal Catechumenal Process Training Team.

Sponsored by LITE, this workshop will be offer May 5, 12 and 26, three Tuesdays, 1:30-4:30 pm at Spanaway Lutheran, 16001 South A St, Spanaway. Cost is \$60 (9 hours: 1.0 CEU). Register with LITE by calling 535-7342.

CLERGY SEXUAL MISCONDUCT WORKSHOP

At the request of Bishop Knutson, Pastors Kathy Hawks and Jim Rismiller recently attended a workshop sponsored by the Center for the Prevention of Sexual and Domestic Violence on *Clergy Misconduct: Sexual Abuse in the Ministerial Relationship*. The purpose of this workshop was to train facilitators who, in turn, will be able to conduct seminars in this critical area. Plans are now being made by the Bishop's Office to staff workshops in our synod for all rostered church workers, both clergy and associates in ministry, who are actively engaged in ministry.

A workshop for trainers will take place May 18-19, and a series of workshops for church workers will be held in the fall. Please be on the alert for these.

ELCA-RELATED TRAVEL SEMINARS

The Center for Global Education, Augsburg College, Minneapolis, is planning a number of trips this year for ELCA companion synods and other ELCA-related groups:

June 10-25	Thailand, Laos, & Hong Kong
July 6-18	El Salvador & Nicaragua
Aug 12-22	Honduras & Guatemala
Aug 1-21	South Africa & Namibia
Sept 19-28	Central America
November	Middle East

Anyone interested in participating in any of these trips may contact the Center for a brochure and application, (612) 330-1159.

MORE CONTINUING ED

LITE SUMMER INSTITUTE OF THEOLOGY

Pacific Lutheran University, July 12-16

Mark these dates on your summer calendar! (This is a correction from previously published dates).

Under the theme, *Healing the Sick...Ministry in a Hurting World*, several guests will help us in our healing ministries. Marie Fortune, Director of the Center for the Prevention of Sexual and Domestic Violence, will address the topic of ethics in the pastoral relationship. Daniel Simundson, Professor of Old Testament and Dean of Luther Northwestern Theological Seminar, St. Paul, MN, will provide a biblical foundation by exploring diverse topics on *The Bible and Human Suffering*. Tom Sine, consultant with Mustard Seed Associates in Seattle and freelance author/theologian, will look at social/global dimensions with his topic, *Human Suffering in an Uncertain Future*. Worship leader is Dan Erlander.

DEALING WITH CONFLICT

The Alban Institute offers a continuing education opportunity for clergy and lay leaders July 13-15 in Seattle titled, *Person to Person: Dealing with Conflict*. The leader is George D. Parsons. The purpose is to evaluate and enhance your ability to handle interpersonal conflict in your church. For information, call the Alban Institute, 1-800-457-8893.

HOLY LAND STUDY TOUR PLANNED

You are invited to join Jane Prestbye on a study trip to Israel. She is this year's leader for Lutheran Bible Institute's Holy Land Study Tour, scheduled for Nov 30-Dec 14, 1992, with an optional pre-trip orientation at LBI Nov 27-30. The trip plan has an excellent blend of activities, including sightseeing, background lectures, free time in the Old City, political discussion, and visiting with Palestinian Lutherans.

Approximate cost is \$1979; contact Jane for more information, 392-0400 (work) or 485-1107 (home).

RESOURCES

PARISH EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

An excellent quarterly publication is now being produced by our synod's Parish Education Committee, *Ideas in Education*. It contains many useful ideas and resources for congregations, primarily through sharing the varieties of strengths and talents already available among us. Be sure to check with your church office to read a copy of this valuable resource.

NEWSLETTERS AVAILABLE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Please be informed that our ELCA has two newsletters for persons with disabilities. One is *ELCA Newsletter on Disabilities*, and the other is *News on Mental Illness*. They are published four times per year and are available free of charge to interested persons. Contact Dennis Busse, Director, Ministry with Persons with Disabilities, 8765 W Higgins Rd, Chicago, IL 60631; 1-800-632-3522.

INTRODUCING "THE MOSAIC SERIES"

A very fine series of church bulletin covers produced by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada is available to you. Created by renowned artist, designer and architectural consultant, Richard Caemmerer, each week's bulletin fits together with the others in the series to form a large wall mural, "The Mosaic", which can be displayed through the year.

The bulletin covers follow the LBW liturgical calendar and contain an interpretation of the art work by Caemmerer. Each image is based on the gospel text, and is designed to allow for a bi-fold or tri-fold bulletin. Liturgical dating, calendar dating, commemorations and celebrations and prayers for the day are included.

Cost per 100 bulletins is \$6.50 plus \$20 shipping and handling for U.S. customers. The series begins with Advent, and can be ordered by calling (403) 842-4466 (ask for Roger Holmes) or by writing to Mosaic Series ELCIC Sunday bulletins, Holmes Publishing Co. Ltd., Box 1768, Wainwright, Alberta, Canada T0B 4P0. They may send you some sample bulletins if you request them.

WANT ADS

SOME REQUESTS FROM THE SYNOD OFFICE

There are several items which we are requesting to be returned to the Synod Office. They include the following:

- Congregational parochial reports (past due)
- Congregational Statements of Intent of 1992 proportionate share giving to Synod
- Ecumenical Commission Survey
- Continuing Education Survey
- 1992 Reports to the Bishop (past due)

Kindly return these items to the Synod Office at your earliest convenience. Thank you!